

## 2001 Lightning Fatalities

There were 44 lightning fatalities in 2001, 7 less than in 2000—a decrease of 14%. This number falls well below the 10-year average of 52 fatalities. For the 4th year, Florida was hardest hit with 8 fatalities (18%). Illinois suffered 5 fatalities and Colorado and Virginia each had 3. Twenty-eight of the lightning fatalities (64%) occurred in open areas such as parks, parking lots and fields. In 2001, 36 of the 44 lightning fatalities (82%) were male—more than 4 times as many men as women. The 10- to 60-year age group accounted for 98% of fatalities.

### 2001 LIGHTNING FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>BF</u>	<u>BO</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>EQ</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>IW</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>TE</u>	<u>UT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
CO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
FL	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	8
GA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
IL	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	5
IN	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
LA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NJ	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
OH	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
PA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
PR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
SC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
SD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
TN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
VA	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
WI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	2	2	0	0	2	0	6	28	0	4	44
<b>PERCENT</b>	5	5	0	0	5	0	14	64	0	9	102*

(\* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

### 2001 LIGHTNING FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	0	0	0	0	0
10 TO 19	0	7	0	7	16
20 TO 29	1	7	0	8	18
30 TO 39	3	10	0	13	30
40 TO 49	3	5	0	8	18
50 TO 59	1	6	0	7	16
60 TO 69	0	1	0	1	2
70 TO 79	0	0	0	0	0
80 TO 89	0	0	0	0	0
90 TO --	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	8	36	0	44	100
<b>PERCENT</b>	18	82	0	100	

#### LEGEND

**BF** - Ball Field  
**BO** - Boat  
**CA** - Camping  
**EQ** - Nr Hvy Equipment  
**GF** - Golf  
**IW** - In Water  
**OT** - Other/Unknown  
**OU** - Outside Open  
**TE** - At Telephone  
**UT** - Under Tree